

I urge you to rescind the mandate put forth by the Department of Health and Human Services and the President.

Insurance plans should not have to cover drugs and procedures for sterilization, contraception and abortion. This is reckless social policy. Such a mandate may seem ideal from the standpoint of a visionary plutocrat, but it will boomer-rang on the country and harm public health. It will harm public health and the health of each person in our society because it dismisses personal responsibility. The mandate exposes women and girls to more physical and emotional abuse. It furthermore ushers in another manipulative money grab where the healthy population is given a license by the state to capture the "ordinary and necessary" economic resources of the unhealthy population.

Your position is a sad, irrational argument. I am ashamed your mandate has been made in the name of providing Americans "the building blocks" they "need to live healthy, successful lives." The Qualitest product recall announced last week makes a ridicule of your visionary assertions. [See the below.] The Pill has not decreased the number of "unwanted" babies. It has increased them. The Pill is no silver bullet. Ask any of the three leading Prescription Benefit Managers (PBMs) in the United States, and they will immediately tell you the single greatest factor leading to waste of resources in American health care today is lack of therapy adherence by patients. Yes, that is right: we are back to personal responsibility.

to nationwide voluntary recall of oral contraceptives: <
<http://www.fda.gov/Safety/Recalls/ucm272199.htm> >.

Fertility is not a disease. Therefore, the drugs and surgeries to prevent it are not basic health care. With this understanding of mammals, I urge you to remove sterilization, prescription contraceptives and abortifacients from the list of "preventive services" the federal government is mandating in private health plans.

Yours is not, as you indicate, a "tough-minded assessment about how we can reform and refocus existing programs to make an even bigger difference in Americans' lives." Your mandate is a heavy-handed tactic, as proven by the impractical "religious exemption," to socialize medicine, kick conscientious objectors and their institutions out of health care and remove all trace of personal responsibility from personal health.

Spare the American people your lack of common sense. Rescind your mandate. Allow all organizations and individuals to offer, sponsor and obtain health coverage that does not violate their moral and religious convictions. Given our

sovereign rights to "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," we have an obligation to exclude any drug that may cause an abortion, and to fully protect religious freedom, which federal laws presently do.